

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
UNDER 35 USC §371(c) (4) FOR
PCT APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled:

**Sealing band for projectile, sub-calibre projectile and ammunition equipped
with such a band**

Described and claimed in international application number PCT/FR03/01941 filed on June 24, 2003

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of the application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

Under title 35, U.S. §119, the priority benefits of the following foreign application(s) filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns, within one year prior to my international application are hereby claimed:

French Patent Application No 02.09505 filed on July 26, 2002.

The priority of the above applications (if any), filed within a year prior to my international application is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119. I hereby appoint the following as my attorneys of record with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent Office:

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